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SUBJECT: SWEEPING POWER TO THE ARMY: THE FOURTH FRELIMO
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MEETING

1. SUMMARY: WEEK LONG MEETING OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OF
FRELIMO CONCLUDED AUGUST 2 WITH LENGTHY RESOLUTION OUTLINING
TASKS AND COMPOSITION OF PEOPLE'S FMRCS FOR THE LIBERATION
OF MOZAMBIQUE (FPLM) IN INDEPENDENT MOZAMBIQUE. THE MEETING
WAS LED BY FRELIMO PRESIDENT SAMORE MACHEL AND INCLUDED 251
CADRES FROM ALL BRANCHES. THE RESOLUTION OUTLINED BROAD AND
SWEEPING FPLM ROLE IN ALL SECTORS OF THE MOZAMBIQUE POLITY,
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ECONOMIC AND SOCIETY. FPLM, IN TURN, IS SUBORDINATE TO FRELIMO

AND ESPECIALLY TO THE PRESIDENT OF FRELIMO.

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2. AMONG THE MANY TASKS ASSIGNED TO THE FPLM, THE FOLLOWING ARE OF PARTICULAR CONSEQUENCE:

A. SUPERVISE DESTRUCTION OF ALL COLONIAL INSTITUTIONS IN

MOZAMBIQUE.

B. COMBAT THE INTERNAL ENEMY WHO IS IMPEDING MOBILIZATION AND ORGANIZATION OF MASSES BY USING TRIBALISM, REGIONALISM, RACISM, RELIGIOUS DIVISIONS, SUPERSTITION, ECONOMIC SABOTAGE.

C. PRESERVE IDEOLOGICAL UNITY FORGED DURING ARMED STRUGGLE.

D. REVOLUTIONIZE THE STATE APPARATUS BY FURNISHING IDEOLOGICALLY SOUND CADRES FOR KEY JOBS.

E. PARTICIPATE IN MOBILIZING THE MASSES, INCLUDING PROVIDING CADRES FOR THE WOMEN'S, YOUTH, WORKER'S ORGANIZATIONS AND THE DYNAMIC GROUPS.

F. CREATE MODEL FARMS ON EACH MILITARY BASE AND TRAIN "AGRICULTURAL MONITORS" TO SUPERVISE AGRICULTURAL COMMUNES.

G. SUPERVISE ILLITERACY CAMPAIGN.

H. CONTROL AND MANAGE THE NEW YOUTH ORGANIZATION.

I. PURGE FPLM RANKS OF OPPORTUNISTS, BACKSLIDERS, AND VETERANS WHO DEMAND PRIVILEGES AND BELIEVE THEY ARE INDISPENSABLE.

K. CONSOLIDATE WORKER-PEASANT POWER THROUGHOUT SOCIETY.

3. IN DESCRIBING THE NEW FPLM, THE DOCUMENT CALLS FOR COMPULSORY NATIONAL SERVICE FOR ALL CITIZENS FOR 24 MONTHS, THE DRAFTEES TO BE SUPERVISED BY THE "CADRES" (REGULARS). UPON COMPLETION OF ACTIVE SERVICE, DRAFTEES WILL BE PUT ON RESERVE STATUS AND BECOME BASIS OF PEOPLE'S MILITIA. FUTURE CADGES WILL BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SELECTED FROM MERITORIOUS YOUTH WHO ARE RECOMMENDED BY THE PARTY. THE REGULAR FPLM SERVICES WILL HAVE AN ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE AND OTHER UNSPECIFIED SERVICES. THERE WILL BE A SALARY, ALBEIT MODEST--A DEPARTURE FROM PREVIOUS STATEMENTS BY MACHEL--BUT THERE WILL BE NO STRIPES TO DISTINGUISH RANK. PAY WILL BE BASED ON THREE GRADES: SENIOR CADRE, MIDDLE CADRE, JUNIOR CADRE. SPECIAL COURSES WILL BE GIVEN TO VETERANS OF THE LIBERATION WAR TO ENABLE THEM TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY EDUCATION

SO THAT THEY MAY TAKE RESPONSIBLE POSITIONS. THE WOMEN'S FPLM DETACHMENT WILL PROVIDE CADRES FOR THE OMM (MOZAMBIQUE WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION).

4. THE RESOLUTION STATED THAT THE FPLM WILL MAINTAIN THE REVOLUTIONARY INTERNATIONALISM CALLED FOR BY FRELIMO, AS WELL AS LINKS WITH THE MILITARY SERVICES OF TANZANIA, ZAMBIA AND THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. THE RESOLUTION ENDED WITH THE USUAL SALUTATIONS OF FRATERNAL SUPPORT FOR THE PEOPLES OF ANGOLA, COMOROS, ZIMBABWE, SOUTH AFRICA, SWAPO, THE ARABS, AND LAOS, CAMBODIA AND VIETNAM.

5. COMMENT: FPLM CLEARLY HAS BEEN GIVEN SWEEPING NEW ROLE THROUGHOUT MOZAMBIQUE SOCIETY. THROUGH COMPULSORY NATIONAL SERVICE AND ITS CONTROL OF THE YOUTH ORGANIZATION, THE FPLM WILL BE IN POSITION TO INDOCTRINATE THE CURRENT POST-SCHOOL GENERATION OF YOUTH WITH FRELIMO'S IDEALS AND TRAIN AND ASSIGN THEM SPECIFICALLY TO MEET THE MANPOWER NEEDS OF THE NATION, AS WELL AS ELIMINATE ANY POCKETS OF UNEMPLOYMENT. ACCORDING TO THE RESOLUTION, THE FPLM WILL HAVE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF TROOPS--SIZABLE FORCE IN A COUNTRY OF NINE MILLION.

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE FPLM AND THE PARTY DYNAMIC GROUPS IS STILL UNCLEAR. THE RESOLUTION CALLS ON THE FPLM TO GIVE SUPPORT TO THE DYNAMIC GROUPS, IMPLYING LATTER GIVE POLICY A DIRECTION IN LOCAL SPHERE. WE SUSPECT, HOWEVER, IN PRACTICE FPLM WILL END UP GIVING POLICY DIRECTION TO THE DYNAMIC GROUPS WHICH, EVEN AT THE MOCUBA MEETING IN FEBRUARY, WERE JUDGED UNREADY POLITICALLY TO BE TRANSFORMED INTO FULL- ACKNOWLEDGED PARTY COMMITTEES.

THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE STRESS ON THE "INTERNAL ENEMY"--MEANING AN OPPORTUNIST, CAPITALIST, LIBERAL, INDIVIDUALIST, OR ONE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INDULGING IN LIQUOR AND PROSTITUTES-- AND THE NEED FOR PURIFICATION OF RANKS, BUT VERY LITTLE MENTION OF THE "EXTERNAL ENEMY"--IMPERIALISTS AND COLONIALISTS, A REVERSAL OF RECENT FORM. HOWEVER, RESOLUTION STATES IN GENERAL TERMS FUNDAMENTAL WAY TO COMBAT ENEMY IS TO HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH HIM (HOPE WE ARE NOT INCLUDED IN CATEGORY OF "THE ENEMY").

THE CONCESSION ON PAY AND VETERAN'S EDUCATION, PLUS THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THEY ARE NOW PART OF THE CONTROLLING ELITE, SHOULD ASSUAGE THE INCREASINGLY VOCAL GRUMBLING FROM THE VETERANS (THOUGH NOT FROM POPULACE). EQUALLY IMPORTANT IS THE RESOLUTION'S PLEDGE OF LOYALTY SPECIFICALLY TO THE PRESIDENT OF FRELIMO (MACHEL). MACHEL HAS THE SOLE AUTHORITY TO APPOINT ARMY COMMANDANTS, AND APPEARS MORE AND MORE TO BE WIELDING TOTAL AND SOLE CONTROL OF THE MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT.

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